

REMARKS

Claims 1-63 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-63 stand rejected.

Claims 64-66 were previously cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4-24, and 27- 37 have been amended.

Rejection of Claims under 35 U.S.C. §101

Claims 1-64 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. While not conceding that the prior claims are directed to non-statutory subject matter, but instead to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended Claims 1, 2, 4-24, and 27- 37 to overcome this rejection, and Applicants request entry of this amendment to simplify the issues presented on appeal.

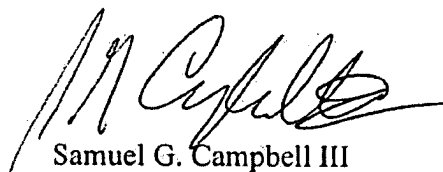
Inasmuch as the Examiner's rejection may be applied to the amended claims, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Final Office Action's rejection and reserve the right, for example, in a continuing application, to provide additional remarks as to the claims in the previous state being directed to statutory subject matter.

CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for such extensions. Applicant also hereby authorizes that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to Deposit Account 502306.

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